

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 2-6, 12-18 and 33-54 without prejudice.

Please amend Claims 1, 8-9, 19 and 29-31 as follows, with a marked up-copy showing the changes being attached hereto:

B² 1. ✓ (Once Amended) A preform for a container comprised of orientable plastics material and arranged so that the resultant blown container will include a handle, said preform comprising:
a moulded structure having a neck portion and an expandable portion below the neck, at least one loop of orientable plastics material integrally connected at both a first end and a second end to a respective first location and a separate second location on said preform which when the container is formed constitutes said handle;
a locating ring immediately below which is a first non-expanding region and below which is a second non-expanding region.

B³ 8. (Once Amended) The parison of Claim 7 wherein a first point of injection permits injection of non-recycled PET.

9. (Twice Amended) The parison of Claim 7 wherein a second point of injection permits injection of PET incorporating at least a portion of recycled material.

B⁴ ✓ 19. (Twice Amended) The preform of Claim 1 wherein the first non-expanding region is formed so as to be slightly raised or otherwise differentiated from the expandable portion of said preform.

✓ 29. (Twice Amended) A container stretch blow moulded from the preform of claim 1.

B⁵ ✓ 30. (Twice Amended) A container made from PET material and stretch blow moulded from the preform of Claim 1.